

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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Question (Member Question No. 44):

As mentioned by the Chief Executive in this year Policy Address, the Government will introduce the Pilot Scheme for Arbitration on Land Premium to facilitate early agreement on land premium payable by way of arbitration. Will the Administration inform this Committee of the resources and manpower deployed to realise this policy initiative? Please also provide the scale, timetable and other details for the said Pilot Scheme.

Asked by: Hon. SHEK Lai-him, Abraham

Reply:

The Lands Department is working with the Development Bureau, the Department of Justice and other relevant departments on the implementation details of the Pilot Scheme for Arbitration on Land Premium. Our target is to announce the arrangements around mid-2014. In formulating implementation arrangements, particular attention will be given to the scope, timeframe and resource requirements. Reference will also be made to relevant existing arbitration regulations and guidelines in Hong Kong.